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In re application of:

Schanzlin, et al.

Application Serial No.: 08/993,696

Filed: December 18, 1997

For: **RADIAL INTRASTROMAL
CORNEAL INSERT AND A
METHOD OF INSERTION**

Group Art Unit: 3738

Examiner: Willse, D.

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO COMMUNICATION AND OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Communication issued on July 29, 2002 in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the Communication was due August 29, 2002, although extensions of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) are available. Enclosed herewith is a petition for a three month extension of time and authorization to pay the fee due thereby extending the deadline to reply to November 29, 2002. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.